

African-American Churches in Wilmington

First Baptist Church

Congregation broke away from larger white church in 1864 and worshipped at a church on Walnut St. between 4th and 5th streets
 1870 Rev. F.H. Hill
 1886 worship held at corner of 7th and Red Cross
 1892- ? Rev. F.H. Spells
 1895 New building constructed at 5th & Campbell
 1903 Rev. A. W. Wilson
 1906 Rev. John Henry Rhoe
 1974 destroyed by fire and rebuilt later on same spot
 No newspaper references 1896-1900
 Parent Church to Shiloh, Mt. Roney, New Hope, 5th Ave. Baptist

Central Baptist Church

Organized 1883 and 1st services were in the Baptist Mission Church (at Camp Lamb) but buildings were destroyed by fire and new building constructed at current location in 1888
 Arson fire damaged building in 1896; building was insured
 Rev. J. Allen Kirk became pastor, 1897
 No newspaper references, 1897-1900
 1900 new pastor
 1903 Rev. W. D. Hood
 1904 new pastor

Ebenezer Baptist Church

Organized in 1868, 1st building south of 7th St. church
 1896 Rev. C.P. Johnson
 1903 Rev. John D. Sasser
 1909 Rev. Obediah W. Moore
 Moved from downtown in modern era
 Parent church to Shiloh, Mt. Nebo, Providence (Brunswick Co.)

Shiloh Baptist Church

1884 Dedicated new church building
 1889 Rev. Justin D. Fulton of Brooklyn, NY lectured congregation to stay put and not leave the south “settle down with patience and industry to fight the battles of life”
 1898 Rev. W.R. Slade and “New Era Institute” held at church
 No newspaper references 1899-1905
 1903 Rev. C. L. Menefee
 1914 new building
 1955 destroyed by fire

Mt. Nebo

Founded 1911

Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church

Organized in 1894 as Mt. Moriah AME Zion and re-organized several other times
 Named Zion Baptist when located at 8th & Harnett
 Relocated to 7th & Brunswick and renamed Mt. Calvary in 1939
 1956 New building
 Church history: “A Brief History of Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church”

St. Luke AME Zion

Originally called Christian Chapel and located at NE corner of 7th & Church but burned in 1878
 1882 New church constructed and called St. Luke's
 1887 Pastor Rev. A.F. Moore
 No newspaper references 1898-1901
 1901 Rev. S.P.W. Drew of Lincoln National Employment Bureau addressed



St. Luke's AME Zion (before 1944 fire)
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